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Black Women: Achievement Against the Odds Photo Exhibit at State History

In celebration of Black History Month, State History is showing an exhibit on the history of African American women. The exhibit, which was developed by the Smithsonian, discusses more than 100 women who excelled in the fields of art, business, civil rights, dance, theater, education, government and politics, journalism, labor, law, literature, medicine, music, religion, sciences, math, the military, and sports.

As the exhibit explains, "Each of our lives has been affected by the achievements of black women. From abolitionist Sojourner Truth to writer Nikki Giovanni, thousands have labored on many fronts and in many roles toward essentially the same goal--to see freedom triumph. By celebrating a few individuals from a host of pioneers, we offer tribute to the entire line of noted and unsung heroines who have persisted in their battles against oppression and achieved for all of us."

The exhibit may be seen on the mezzanine of the Rio Grande Depot, 300 S. Rio Grande Street (450 West), Salt Lake City. The building is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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